

NEW PALINDROMES

SUSAN THORPE

Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, England

If *Malayalam* is typed backwards, *malayalaM*, it is visually different from *Malayalam*. When the word is spoken, the first letter 'a' is short but the final 'a' is long, which means that it also sounds different backwards. Because visual and phonetic discrepancies are rife amongst the words we unhesitatingly accept as palindromes, is there any reason why we should not accept *dowód* (Polish: proof), *rúgur* (Icelandic: rye), or *uçuru* (Turkish: flying; volatile) as palindromes? Unlike these three words, the palindromes below have no stress or sound accents, and all but the 2nd and 4th are new to Word Ways.

AETEA a marine Bryozoan (Collegiate Dictionary of Zoology, by Robert W. Pennak, The Ronald Press Co. New York, 1964)

AFGOIOGFA a hymenopteran named by Argamon in 1988 (Nomenclator Zoologicus Vol. 9, 1996)

AINIA a coelenterate (Nomenclator Zoologicus Vol 8, 1993)

ALLENELLA a new name given by Geni in 1992 to a hymenopteran originally named *Mallachia* by Allen in 1972 (Nomenclator Zoologicus Vol 9, 1996)

AMOMA a brand name used by Glaxo Laboratories (The Food Trade Directory of Trade Marks and Brand Names, Food Trade Review Ltd., London 1961)

FENNEF in the HSBC Money Gallery of the British Museum I noted 'Fennef Dausand Frang' on a franc note of the Institute Monetaire, Luxembourgeois, Luxembourg 1996

IARAI yes (colloquial Fijian)

IDADI reckoning, counting, computation (Swahili)

INNI inside, indoors (Icelandic)

LEVVEL goodbye, farewell (Danish)

LUCUL brand name for soups and sauces by Lucul-Food Products Ltd. (see AMOMA)

MACAM-MACAM various; kinds of (Indonesian)

MWSWM moss (Welsh)

NIZZIN a drubbing; exposure to the weather (Scots)

PIRRIP surname of Pip (Philip Pirrip), the orphan in Dickens' *Great Expectations*

RUNNUR shrub, bush (Icelandic)

SUURUUS size (Finnish)

SYTYTYS ignition (Finnish)

UBAWABU a hinge (Swahili)

UBUBU dumbness (Swahili)

UPUPU cow-itch, the muncuna bean, covered with hairs that irritate the skin (Swahili)

UVIVU laziness, indolence, negligence (Swahili)

VEREV oblique (Turkish)

VOVVOV bow-wow! (Danish)

ZALAZ sunset (Croatian)